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DEFENSE IS OPENED IN THE KIMMEL CASE

Adjournment Taken Until Tomorrow After Testimony of R. M. Snyder.

ST. LOUIS, February 17.—The defense in the Kimmel case opened before United States District Judge Charles F. Amidon today, with R. M. Snyder of Kansas City, son of the R. M. Snyder who was said by John E. Swinney, a rancher, to have been present when George A. Kimmel was shot to death in the Oregon woods, on the stand. Snyder's testimony and the reading of the deposition of the auditor of a New York city hotel ended the case for the day, and adjournment was taken until Monday.

Young Snyder identified the signature of his father as photographed from the register of the hotel and after giving other testimony he was excused temporarily. His testimony was given with the object of making that of Swinney, one of the star witnesses for the plaintiff, the receiver of a defunct Niles, Mich., bank.

Testimony of Swinney.

Swinney's testimony was that he met R. M. Snyder, Jr., in Kansas City, July 10, 1898, and that Kimmel was killed in Snyder's presence August 14, 1898. Snyder, Jr., showed the attorneys for the insurance company telegrams he had received from his father from New York under the date of August 13 and 15.

Mr. Swinney's deposition showed that Snyder's account in the New York hotel was closed July 29, 1898, and that in addition to this account Snyder paid for a room by the week up to September of that year. Vouchers from telegraph companies showed that the son sent telegrams to his father between July 2 and August 31, 1898, at Alexander, Minn.; Chicago, St. Louis, Washington, New York and other cities.

Plaintiff Closes.

The plaintiff closed his side of the case with the deposition of Henry T. Kimmel, father of the missing man. The claimant, Andrew J. White, while confined in prison at St. Louis, testified that he was the brother of the missing man, who was living in Wisconsin, deposed that he had not heard from his son since he disappeared.

Mr. Swinney, mother of the missing man, gave the official testimony. Her cross-examination was completed shortly after court opened.

COLLEGIATE CLUB BANQUET.

Addresses by Rabbi Simon, Rabbi Stern and Others.

At the banquet of the Collegiate Club, at the Hotel Normandie last night, the speakers included Rev. Abram Simon, Rev. Louis Stern, Louis Greenberg, Harry C. Sandberg, E. N. Leek, Benjamin B. Schneider, Julius I. Peyser, William S. Luck, Morris A. Posen and M. A. Levy, with I. Burt Lazarus as toastmaster. Quotations beneath the names of each of the speakers on the program furnished amusement. Below the name of Rabbi Stern appeared: "To preach more than half an hour a man should be an angel himself or have angels for hearers," while the quotation appearing beneath the name of Rabbi Simon was "A popular preacher once said of his pulpit oratory, 'I always roar when I have nothing to say.'"

From the Publisher.

LIBRARIAN AND THEIR WORK. XI—THE LIBRARY PROFESSION.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Whether or not the newly developed work of the librarian as it is practiced in America may be properly classed as a profession, there is no doubt of its increasing importance. This is evidenced by the thousands of persons who are each year training for it, either in library schools or in the libraries themselves. The demand for librarians to take charge of the libraries grows apace with the increase of these institutions.

The office of librarian is becoming of higher importance as the interest in libraries advances, now as in the time of the Romans. The first librarians of Rome were Greek slaves; afterward they were freedmen and when the nation was at its zenith of power the librarian was recognized as an almost almost equal importance to a senator.

The earliest librarian known in history is Amli Ann of Babylon, who had charge of the Babylonian library about 600 B. C. The library bearing the impression of his signet, are now in the possession of the British Museum. His books consisted of stone and clay tablets inscribed with characters by means of a sharp steel instrument. The Prophet Jeremiah is said to have founded a library and for years to have had charge of the large collection of books in the temple.

The duties of the early librarian differed widely from those of today, even as the spirit of the library has changed. It is not enough for a librarian to be faithful to guard and dust a few hundred cherished volumes. He must put those volumes into circulation and have them read by the greatest possible number of people. And he must secure new books and add them to the collection as the demand is created. It grows and there must be books to meet it. The modern librarian must develop the tradesman's spirit and attract readers to his books as a merchant attracts customers to his wares.

The books must be arranged and classified so that they are easy of access, for the reading public has no time to wait while the librarian looks through long lists of books to find the one it demands. Every system of classification requires scientific exactness and mathematical skill. The library is a place where the student of science and mathematics finds the qualifications of the librarian.

New demands are being made each day upon the members of a library staff. The Chicago business man recently became quite indignant because an employee of the city of Chicago had taken a Spanish business correspondence for him. It was a lengthy correspondence at that, yet he expected the library to furnish him with it. The library is a place where the student of science and mathematics finds the qualifications of the librarian.

The problems most discussed in library circles today are those bearing upon classification. The basis of classification in a public library is the Dewey system, which is the thing that attracts the reader to the subject of the book. Classification by authors is sometimes valuable, but complaints are made often because the volumes by an author who is at once a poet, novelist and essayist are not all on the same shelf.

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The duties of the members of the library staff may be considered as administrative, advisory or educational, clerical and distributive. The training of a librarian must include experience in each of these departments and have also a certain amount of manual training work in the book binding and repair room.

GRADUATES IN CIVIL AFFAIRS

Special Meeting of City Council Tuesday Evening.

MATTERS UNDER DEBATE

Plans for Celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary.

Preparations for Lent.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 17, 1912.

The city council, at a special meeting, which will be held Tuesday night next, will consider the proposition to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for a site for the proposed public high school building.

The council will also, it is understood, act on the resolution recommended by the board of police commissioners for a change in the city charter providing for the abolition of the office of lieutenant of police force and substituting sergeants and also providing that the authorities have power to designate as many sergeants as they may see fit.

At the last meeting of the city council the subject of the high school was reported that they felt unable to recommend the purchase of the property at the northwest corner of West and Cameron streets as a site for a public school until after the annexation proceedings are completed. The property in question consists of eight one-half acre lots.

Notwithstanding the report the finance committee did not adopt this report, but recommended the purchase of the site. The lower branch of the council decided to act on Tuesday night next, at which time it is expected arguments will be made by the city orators on the subject.

Mystery Cleared Away.

The mystery as to who had introduced in the legislature a bill for a change in the city charter regarding the government of the police department of the city has been cleared up.

Washington's Birthday Anniversary.

Washington's birthday anniversary will not be marked in this city by any public celebration. The Masonic banquet will occur that night, but there will be no other events.

Dr. Micou Leaves for Europe.

Dr. R. W. Micou, professor at the Theological Seminary, accompanied by his wife and son, Paul Micou, a student at the seminary, sailed today from Philadelphia for Europe.

Three Clubs Represented.

The Aero Club of America, the Aero Club of Illinois and the International Aviation Meet Association were the three organizations which took part in the meeting.

Building Operations.

It is understood that several new houses will be erected in the early spring. Plans and specifications for several of the houses contemplated will shortly be placed in the hands of contractors.

General and Personal.

The general committee of arrangements for the Tag day celebration, February 22, held a meeting tonight in the room of the chamber of commerce and made final plans.

Believed to Be Erroneous.

The "specific gravity tables" which have been used by the United States government for half a century in gauging alcohol at distilleries, as a basis of taxation, are erroneous in many respects, according to the belief of experts.

Essay Prize to Capt. John Parker.

The Military Service Institution of the United States has awarded its gold medal, membership and \$100 to Capt. John Parker, U. S. Infantry, for the best essay on "The military education of the youth of the country for a period of at least one year as a means of developing the military spirit of the nation."

In Memory of F. A. G. Handy.

The hall was darkened and the gayety of the evening suspended for a few minutes while the club paid a last tribute to a departed member, the late Fred A. G. Handy.

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